

## Training Topic Group Conference Call March 17, 1999

### ROLL CALL

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### STATUS OF TRAINING MODULES

A new name has been selected for the base training modules: MERRTT – Modular Emergency Response Radiological Transportation Training.

There was a meeting held in Chicago on March 11-12 to complete a final review of the modules prior to distributing them for final comments. Those in attendance were: Jim Price, Tom Clawson, Jeff Everitt, Bill Ruting, and Gordon Veerman. The modules will be distributed to approximately 84 people on Friday, March 19, 1999, and comments are to be submitted to Jim Price by Monday, April 5, 1999. This short review period is required in order to address any significant comments and still have the modules ready for TEC/WG approval in July.

Vista Technologies, Inc. has been contracted to provide technical expertise in the final packaging of the modules, including formatting, page and graphical layouts, etc. They will be developing the coversheets, instructor guides, and viewgraphs based on the individual module information. Jeff Everitt has been chosen to manage this particular workspace.

Limited response was received in answer to Jim Price's memo requesting module packaging recommendations. It has been determined that the modules will be stand-alone modules which will make it easier to custom package the modules. When videos are produced, only one video tape will be made which will contain video segments for each module with breaks between each module. This will be more cost effective and easier to distribute than having a video tape for each module. It was also mentioned that for now, CD ROM access is still very limited, and the video method would be used much more.

The radiological response guidebook that has been assembled by Bill Ruting will be finalized after the modules have gone through final review so it will mirror the training as close as possible and also avoid any conflicting information.

Jim Price traveled to WIPP the first part of March to meet with their training personnel and request they review the modules and provide comments. Their comments were addressed at the Chicago review meeting.

### UPCOMING SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

The special Training Topic Group meeting will be held in Denver on May 19-20. As soon as travel, hotel, and per diem information is received from Audrey Adamson, it will be forwarded on to the Group members. To date, there are a total of 17 planning to attend the meeting. Items on the agenda will include ensuring the modules are completed and ready for TEC/WG final approval in July, distribution plan, evaluation plan, and the radiological response guidebook status, etc

Some training requests have been received. SRS has requested awareness level training, Modules 1-6, on April 22 for emergency responders that will be participating in a multi-county exercise in May. Four of the DOE Regional offices have also requested train-the trainer training.

There is a possibility that the FY99 transportation exercise will be held in Indiana in mid summer. More definitive details still need to be worked out.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Gordon Veerman stated that he will be meeting with Kelly Kelkenberg and John Aversol on March 24 to discuss the Interim 5-module issue and obtaining the stamp of approval on the 16 modules from the International Association of Fire Chiefs.